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Insect ecology, by Peter W. Price. 1975. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 605 Third Ave., N. Y., N. Y. 10016. Hardbound, 514p., $15.95.

So many general ecology textbooks have been published during the past decade that it is a real pleasure to have one appear on insect ecology. Although written for advanced undergraduates and graduate students in entomology, it undoubtedly will be used as a reference by both amateur and professional entomologists. The volume is divided into 4 parts; Part I Trophic Relationships, Part II Populations, Part III Coexistence and Competition, Part IV Communities and Distributions. There is a Taxonomic Index, an Author Index, a Subject Index, and an excellent Bibliography. The text is easy to read and is a definite contribution.

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An introduction to the study of insects, 4th Edition, by Donald J. Borror, Dwight M. DeLong, & Charles A. Triplehorn. 1976. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 383 Madison Ave., N. Y., N. Y. 10017. Hardbound, 852p., $19.95.

This highly respected text and reference book on insects contains a number of interesting changes in this latest edition. The cover is much more attractive. The overall size has been reduced so that the book is easier to handle and to use. A third author has been added, and he has revised the chapter on Coleoptera (including the key) as well as the chapter on Collecting, Preserving, and Studying Insects. References have been updated, and a new chapter on Insect Behavior is included. Instructors of traditional introductory entomology courses should find this a very suitable textbook.

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Insects—Instructions for collectors No. 4a, by B. H. Cogan & K. G. V. Smith. 1974. British Museum (Natural History), London. Durable softcover, 169p., $1.50.

This is a complete revision of the original edition which was authored by John Smart and published in 1940. Much general collecting information as well as specific collecting information for each order is presented. Eight pages are devoted to Coleoptera. This is a very useful volume at a very reasonable price.

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